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THAT CANAL.

Preliminary Report of Commission.

Close Figures on Cost of the Undertaking.

Summary in Sections, but No Details.

Estimates of Western Addition not Yet Made—Conservative Estimate of Entire Expense Almost Agrees With Gen. Ludlow's Report.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the Nicaraguan Canal Commission, consisting of Gen. Ludlow, Admiral Walker and Prof. Haupt, has been completed and will be read before the Senate committee either during the Christmas recess of Congress, or immediately afterward. The report will give many details of construction in regard to the proposed route, and will give a close figure on the entire cost of undertaking, as far as human ingenuity can foresee. A summary of these costs has been made out in sections, and without going into the details of curves and levels they are as follows:

The eastern harbor and jetties will require about nine million cubic yards of soft excavation. The jetties themselves require about four hundred thousand cubic yards of rip-rap stone.

"The Graytown section of the canal, that is, the section beginning at the harbor and reaching to the east divide, will require 16,000,000 cubic feet of hard earth and clay excavations. The three locks in this section will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000 complete, with \$8,000,000 excavation. This section is about thirteen and a half miles in length, and runs through the jungle country near the coast. There will be 700 acres of clearing and grubbing also in this section. The incidental expenses will amount to little besides these above enumerated, therefore they are omitted.

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Anglo-American questions naturally will be discussed.

QUESTION DISCUSSED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the morning papers. The Daily News and the Daily Chronicle published editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concessions in return for consenting to abrogate it."

The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the Far East, increase American naval strength in the Atlantic, and alter England's disadvantage in carrying trade to the Far East.

NO BROAD QUESTION.

But the American Government Tolerate No Feeling.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—So far as can be learned here the conflicting claims between the French government and the United States government at Shanghai, China, do not involve any broad question relating to the acquisition of large tracts of China by France.

Complaint was made to this government that the French representative in China under guise of extending the limits of their extra territorial concession in Shanghai had included in the claim certain property, valued mainly for riparian uses, which had long been occupied or given away by American citizens and American corporations.

Upon this statement, United States Minister Conger was instructed to protest to the Chinese government against any action on its part which would result in injury to the American citizens above described. It is gathered from the Spanish dispatches that the British government has taken a similar course. But beyond that there has been no joint action between the two governments.

MINORITY REPORT.

States Objection to Hull Bill and Offers a Substitute.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The minority of the Committee on Military Affairs filed with the clerk of the House their report on the Hull Bill to increase the army to 100,000 men. It says, in part:

"The minority of the committee dissent from the majority of the committee because the bill reported makes a permanent standing army for the United States of over 100,000. Such an army is not necessary to be maintained in this country now, neither because of our relations to the islands of the sea, nor because of any necessity which the past year has arisen in this country."

"It is estimated that the Hull Bill will cost the people annually the sum of \$150,000,000. This would be a permanent charge upon the people, \$150,000,000 is now being paid annually to the soldiers of the civil war, the war with Spain, plus a permanent charge of \$250,000,000 upon the people of the United States, and this to maintain the military establishments alone, to say nothing of the navy."

"It is well understood that the great corporate interests of the country are demanding that the standing army, the reason for such a demand are too obvious to be pointed out. These interests want force to enforce their demands, and a President dominated by such interests would have, with such a standing army, the means at his hand to invade the liberties of the people, and to desecrate the ballot box itself."

The minority presents a substitute bill, providing for an army of 30,000 men. The substitute also provides for 50,000 volunteers to be taken from the States and Territories, and the District of Columbia, in addition to 20,000 volunteers to be mustered out of the service of the United States within two years of the date of the passage of the act unless sooner terminated. Their organization is to be the same as that of the regular army. Representative Hale of Virginia proposed the minority report estimates that the regular army establishment provided for in the minority substitute, would entail an annual expenditure of \$30,000,000, or about \$100 per man, and the volunteer force of 50,000 men by the same calculation would cost \$50,000,000, or a total during the existence of the volunteer army of \$80,000,000.

CALIFORNIA PENSIONS.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Pensions were granted to Californians today as follows:

Original—Anthony Holler, San Francisco, \$8; Elijah D. Marion, San Francisco, \$6; Joseph Tidrow, San Luis Obispo, \$6; Francis Meeker, deceased, Oakland, \$12.

Increase—William W. Weller, Roseville, to \$10; John R. Atherton, Tipton, to \$15.

Original widows—Charlotte C. M. Schwab, San Francisco, \$8; Ellen Sullivan, Sacramento, \$8.

Reissue—James J. Stewart, San Jose, \$12.

Mexican war survivors, reissue and increase—David Hart, \$4 to \$12.

The Secretary of the Interior today finally rejected the application of Leonard Wood, for repayment of purchase money paid on a desert land entry in the Los Angeles land district.

STAMPS REUSED.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal stamps, by which old stamps were reused, the Internal Revenue Bureau today issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be cancelled with the initials of the user, together with the month, day and year written or stamped thereon. Hitherto the month and day of cancellation has not been required.

AT WORK AGAIN.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Hay has resumed his duties at the State Department today, although still suffering from the effects of an attack of influenza.

ALL CLOSE TODAY.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An agreement was reached at the meeting of the Cabinet today for the closing of all the executive departments except those engaged before Christmas and New Year's day. They are closed by law on the days observed as Christmas and New Year's day, so that when they are closed at noon tomorrow they will not be reopened for business until Tuesday morning next.

EXTRADITION TREATY.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The State Department has not been advised of the reported negotiations of an extradition treaty by the United States and Mexico, and unless some steps are taken shortly looking to the replacement of the present treaty, which is just about to expire, the United States would become very liable on the border.

Minister Clayton was empowered some time ago to ascertain the position of the Mexican government in this matter, although not explicitly authorized to negotiate a treaty; but the Mexican government apparently preferred to deal directly with the authorities in Washington.

CHANGE OF FLAGS.

OLD GLORY WILL DISPLACE RED AND YELLOW.

Programme Agreed Upon for Formal Ceremony of Turning Cuban Government Over.

JANUARY FIRST AT NOON HOUR

THE AMERICANS WILL BECOME THE REAL AUTHORITIES.

Petty Schemers Balked by the War Department—Havana People Thank the President—Sampson on Cuba's Future.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners today the programme was finally agreed upon for the change of flags on January 1, at noon.

Just before the noon hour the American and Spanish commissioners, Gen. Castellanos, the Spanish captain-general and the American ranking officer in Cuba, Maj.-Gen. John R. Brooke, if he arrives in time, and otherwise Maj.-Gen. Lee, will assemble at the palace.

The Spanish commissioners will then surrender the government to the United States commissioners, who will immediately transfer it to the American general commanding. After this the various functionaries will remain a while to receive those who may wish to pay their respects to the incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after January 1, should be considered in the light of foreign troops in friendly countries, to be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality, and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of the peace or order consequent upon their presence.

Matanzas and Cienfuegos will doubtless be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after January 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last.

The Spanish sick in the hospitals will remain under the safeguard of the American authorities, providing medicines, attention and food repairing them on recovery.

Gens. Wade, Butler and Clous, accompanied by their aides, were received at the palace today with full military honors. The Spanish trumpeters, buglers and the police guards saluted. The same ceremony marked the retirement of the American officers.

MEDALS AND SCROLLS.

President and Gen. Wood Honored by Santiago Authorities.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] Señor Bacardo, the Mayor of Santiago, accompanied by the City Council, visited Gen. Wood, the military governor, today to present him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain and a parchment scroll containing the words:

"To make one's self beloved by the people in difficult moments is the best of virtues."

The deputation requested Gen. Wood to forward a similar medal to President McKinley, with a scroll containing the declaration:

"A people never forgets its benefactors."

Gen. Wood, replying in a few appropriate remarks of thanks, promised to forward the medal and scroll to Washington, assuring the Mayor and Councilmen that he was confident that President McKinley would be gratified to receive them.

FRENCH STEAMER RELEASED.

Made a Prize of War, but not Held by the Courts.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The civil register there today shows a total of forty-nine deaths in the city in the past twenty-four hours, and two parishes where the death rate was unusually high, made no report. The mortality last week was at the rate of 166 in every 1000 of the population. This week it will be higher. In New York the rate is only twenty-two deaths per annum for every 1000 population.

All the hospitals are overcrowded and no more patients can be received. The Municipal Hospital has organized an emergency hospital to care for reconvalescents.

A special committee of the city, consisting of some sections, offers a herculean task to the engineer officers preparing to clean the city, making the Americans here despair of an immediate lowering of the frightful death rate.

SCHEMERS BALBED.

They Cannot Gobble Up Anything They Want in Cuba.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the administration that the local governments of cities of Cuba and Porto Rico are constantly being besieged by capitalists and promoters, with a view to securing valuable railroad and other franchises and concessions at figures below their intrinsic value.

The matter was discussed at today's Cabinet meeting, and instructions will be sent at once to the military government to exercise extreme care in approving such grants, and if any grants are found to be made in the interests of the people, or secured at the expense of the public, to veto them forthwith.

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The couple came here from Pennsylvania and were married several months ago. Judge Boyd in passing sentence said this was the first prosecution of the kind in Maryland.

Capt. Barry's Appointment.

[ST. JOHN'S (N. F.) Dec. 23.—Capt. Henry D. Barry, assistant director of the Naval Intelligence Office, of the British Admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters with the rank of commodore, and the cruiser Comus as his flagship. The appointment will go into effect next season. The squadron will be increased by heavier vessels than have heretofore been assigned here.

Report on Foreign Missions.

[BOSTON, Dec. 23.—John W. Bowring, colored, and Martha Craven, the white woman he married, were each sentenced by Judge Boyd to eighteen months in the penitentiary. When Judge Boyd asked if they had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Bowring said he believed that the girl had colored blood in her veins and in marrying her he acted in good faith. The girl said nothing.

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CLOTHES WITH POWER.

The orders to Commander Taussig of the U.S.S. Bennington, now at Honolulu, to occupy Wake Island, which will go out from San Francisco today, clothe him with wide discretion

on reaching Port Louis d'Apara, authority being given him to acquire not only all Spanish state property, but any private holdings that he deems essential to a first-class naval station, having anticipated an enormous expansion of American transpacific commerce. He will erect the necessary wharves to land coal from the Brutus, and also such buildings as are essential.

The Bennington will remain at Gaum until the Yosemite, now at Norfolk, which will be the regular station ship, can make the voyage to her destination by way of the Suez Canal.

FULL OF INACCURACIES.

Rear-Admiral Walker said last evening that the printed statements concerning the preliminary report of the Nicaragua Canal commission were full of inaccuracies. In these statements the estimated cost of the canal is fixed at \$15,000,000. They also purport to give many details of the construction by the proposed route. Much of this information, Walker declares, cannot at this time be obtained by the commissioners themselves. He says the report which will be submitted to the Senate Committee is not in shape at all. "This printed report," said he, "was written by someone who knows nothing at all about it, and has only enough general information in regard to the contemplated canal to get up a fake on the subject. The report of the commission is not even typewritten as yet, and it will be some time before it can be submitted to the commissioners themselves. He says the report which will be submitted to the Senate Committee is not in shape at all. 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COMMANDER TAUSIG ORDERED THERE AT ONCE.

With the Gunboat BENNINGTON, He Will Take Possession in Uncle Sam's Name.

START ON A NAVAL STATION.

FIRST COAL WILL BE LANDED FROM THE BRUTUS.

Troops to Be Hurried to Cuba—Admiral Sampson in New York. More Fighting at Iloilo. Flag at Malate.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Orders were today telegraphed to San Francisco, to be carried from there to Honolulu by steamer, directing Commander Taussig to proceed with his gunboat to Guam Island and the Ladrones, and take possession there in the name of the United States. The port at which the Bennington will land is Louis d'Apia, which is the capital of the Ladrones. Commander Taussig will be joined at Guam by the collier Brutus from Manila, carrying coal, and this coal will be landed as a start on the naval station.

The commander has been directed by the authorities here to take possession of any property in Guam he may want for the uses of the United States. It makes no difference whether the property is private, Spanish, or whom it belongs to, Taussig can take it if he wants it.

WAKE ISLAND OURS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The government has determined to hoist the flag over an island far out in the Pacific Ocean, and orders were sent out late this afternoon to the commander of the Bennington, Capt. Taussig, to proceed at once to take possession in the name of the United States government of Wake Island, lying in lat. 19° north, long. 166° east. It is distant about 2000 miles from Niihau, the westernmost of the Hawaiian Islands, and 1300 miles from Guam. It lies in a direct line between these possessions of the United States and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawaii and the United States. It is at just three miles in length and one-half mile in width. The highest point of sea level on the island is only 100 feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable in itself of sustaining life, but it is expected that a cable station can be maintained without difficulty, by the erection of a condenser to supply fresh water.

Some station in this locality is deemed to be absolutely necessary to the maintenance of a cable, and for that reason the American Peace Commissioners at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline Islands, but without success. Wake Island is said to be a high, almost inaccessible territory, for, in 1851, Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and asserted that certain points before the Spaniards had lived on the island.

The Bennington is now at Honolulu, and the orders to her will go out by steamer. After hoisting the flag on Wake Island she will proceed to Guam and make the survey of the island, which was expected some time ago. She has already completed a survey of Pearl Harbor, some miles from Honolulu, which will form the foundation of the government plans for the enlargement of the harbor there, and the straightening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

TROUBLE AT MANILA.

First American Flag Raised Over Malate Schoolhouse.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

MANILA (P. L.) Dec. 23.—[By Asiatic Cable.] The United States cruiser Boston and the gunboat Petrel have arrived here from Chinese ports. The steamer Union, which has returned here from Iloilo with Spanish and native soldiers, has been refused a landing here.

Private Tyler of Co. L of the Nebraska regiment, who has been suffering from typhoid fever, is dead.

The steamer St. Paul has arrived here with the Christmas mail.

The first American flag was raised over the Malate schoolhouse yesterday.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Gen. Miles returned to Washington today after being the guest of honor here last night at the New England banquet. The Commercial Tribune today has the following interview with him: When asked as to the investigation into the beef contract scandal he is now making, to which he referred in his testimony, Gen. Miles said:

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Gen. Miles Holds it Responsible for Illness in the Army.

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My suspitions were aroused several months ago, and I at once instituted an investigation into the matter of sending beef to the army in the West Indies. The testimony of Wednesday relating to 325 tons of refrigerated beef and 188,000 pounds of canned fresh beef which was unfit for food, is only one item. How much more was sent to Porto Rico I do not know."

How about the beef supply for the army in Cuba?"

It was just as bad. The conditions there were no better than they were in Porto Rico as I indicated my testimony yesterday."

How about rations before the army embarked? Was the supply not before the transports sailed than after the army was established in Cuba?"

It was the same at Tampa, and the same at Jacksonville."

Will you give a little more light in what you meant by the assertion in your testimony before the War Commission yesterday?"

Gen. Miles suggested that the food was sent to his large army under pretense of an experiment. "I think" continued Gen. Miles, "that that sentence is sufficiently plain. Prestige is the precise term to be used. It is absurd to pretend that these enormous quantities of beef were sent to an entire army simply as an experiment. To expect that beef can be exposed to the tropical sun for sixty hours without mortifying, is out of the question."

How about the chemicals used in preparing this beef?"

As I stated in my testimony I believe that the action of these chemicals was largely responsible for the sickness in the army. I have medical authority for this statement and I believe it to be true."

How far along has your own investigation into this subject progressed?"

My inquiry is still in progress, and some of the most important information I have received has been acquired in the last few days."

What channel will this investigation take upon its conclusion?"

I will not discuss that. It is my duty to investigate any wrong existing in the army, and that I am now doing in the regular military manner. The work is not completed yet and until it is done, I have nothing to add to the statement before the War Committee yesterday."

TO JOIN DEWEY.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An order issued by the Secretary of the Navy directs the distilling ship Iris, now accompanying the battleships Oregon and Iowa on their voyage around the Horn, to leave Callao, Peru, on her arrival there this week and make a course across the Pacific to Manila, where her services are required by the ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet.

SCANDIA AT CALLAO.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

PORTLAND (Or.) Dec. 23.—The torpedo boat Davis left the Wolfs & Zwicker Iron Works here today for Mare Island, where she will be delivered to the government.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Admiral Sampson Will Attend His Daughter's Wedding.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The United States cruiser New York, from Havana, has arrived here. Admiral Sampson is on board with Mrs. Sampson. To newspaper men who boarded the New York at quarantine, Admiral Sampson said he had come home to attend his daughter's wedding on January 4 at Glen Ridge, N. J.

Admiral Sampson was not inclined to discuss the Cuban situation or his connection with the Cuban Evacuation Commission, explaining that he would have to say on such matters he would report officially. The admiral and his family were taken from the New York on a government tug. He will

spend Christmas at home with his family at Glen Ridge.

SAMSON TALKS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Admiral Sampson said that the perfecting of the customhouse service and the official police in the island were the two most important features in connection with Cuba. When Gen. Grimes and Col. Wilson had established the police force, he thought there would be little disorder.

The admiral said that De Castro, the civil Governor of Havana, was doing as well as could be expected and by the 1st of January all of Cuba would be officially evacuated except Matanzas and one or two other points.

Regarding the suffering throughout Cuba which Mrs. Sampson has been working to alleviate, Admiral Sampson said: "The government is issuing rations regularly, but the reconnoiters are now scattered, and there is the difficulty. Many of them have died and many more will die. They lack tools and money to buy food. They can only grow what is sweet potato. It is too late to raise sugar."

Reverting to the question of the future of Cuba, Admiral Sampson said: "The question of what shall become of Cuba will not be settled for a year at least and possibly not for two or three years. In the meanwhile the military government by the United States will go on."

FIRST APPROPRIATION DOUBLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Col. Marshall, chief quartermaster of this department, received authority from the Secretary of War, through Quartermaster-General Ludington, today, to increase the amount of the appropriation for the construction of new naval hospital to be erected at the Presidio. This is to be double the original appropriation, and provides for a much larger and better built hospital than was at first contemplated, although the number of beds remains fixed at 400. Work will begin on it as soon as possible. It will take about six months to build the hospital.

FIGHTING AT ILOILO.

Spaniards and Insurgents Still Killing Each Other.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS PRESS REPORT.]

MADRID, Dec. 23.—By Atlantic Cable. According to a dispatch received from Iloilo, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between the Spaniards and the insurgents and many of the latter have been killed or wounded.

It is asserted that Arquinaldo has called to the government saying he will shortly release the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents. This statement, however, has not been confirmed.

There is much comment upon the conference that has just taken place between Madrid and the Ladrones for yesterday was as follows: Deaths, Private Richard Shadick, B. Third Volunteers, malarial fever; John T. Pugh, Co. B, Third Volunteers, cancerous.

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COAST RECORDS.

NIMBLE-FINGERED.**SMOOTH WOMAN CAPTURED BY SPOKANE POLICE.**

Believed to be Bertha Wier, a clever shoplifter with a national reputation.

WHOLE FAMILY OF THIEVES.**ALL IN PRISON OR ON THEIR WAY TO THE PEN.**

Emphatic Denials Made by Mrs. Botkin—Prisoners Made Happy—Fisherman a Murderer—A Whole Town Claimed.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SPOKANE, Dec. 23.—With a babe in her arms and tears streaming down her cheeks, Bertha Bruges was brought into the police station today charged with systematic shop-lifting. The police believe that she is a shop-lifter of national reputation. They have letters from the East, and on the strength of these have been shadowing the woman for some time.

Chief Jansen of Milwaukee wrote that the woman is undoubtedly Bertha Wier, one of the Wier sisters of Chicago, notorious shop-lifters, all of whom were driven out of Milwaukee. Chief Jansen's letter adds that he has a sister in Joliet prison, another under arrest in Chicago, and a brother and sister serving an eight-year term in the Colorado penitentiary. The woman confessed to the police here but denies relationship with the Wier family.

HAPPY PRISONERS.

Freedom as Their Christmas Gift from the Governor.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—Gov. Budd today issued a number of commutations, which will no doubt be received as welcome Christmas gifts by those prisoners in whose favor they are made. The commutations are as follows, in each instance the prisoner to receive his full liberty tomorrow, December 24:

Al Cobler, sent from Los Angeles County in August, 1894, for five years, or embezzlement.

Cornelius J. Hooley, sent from Sierra County in April, 1888, for one and one-half years, to assault with a deadly weapon.

Bur Beebe, sent from Modoc County in July, 1884, for life imprisonment for murder.

Thomas H. Maupin, sent from Shasta County in March, 1897, for twelve years, or murder in the second degree.

John W. Flood, sent from San Francisco in May, 1895, for seven years, or felony.

Charles Gibson, sent from Kern County in March, 1893, for life imprisonment for murder.

(William Ryan, sent from Kings County in March, 1895, to fourteen years for murder in the second degree.

W. A. Gitzow, sent from Kern County in March, 1893, to life imprisonment for murder.

C. C. Sullivan, sent from Fresno County in June, 1882, to life imprisonment for murder.

MRS. BOTKIN DENIES.

Case of the Defense Closed in the Now Famous Trial.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin is nearing an end. The defense concluded its case today with the testimony of the accused woman. Mrs. Botkin made specific denials of almost all the charges brought against her. She confuted the testimony of almost every witness that has appeared for the prosecution and her denials generally were on the most important points in the case. She swore that she did not buy the candy sent Mrs. Dunning, or the little handkerchief which was enclosed for Mrs. Dunning's little girl.

She admitted intimacy with John P. Dunning and stated to the jury that he had tried to prevail upon him to return to his family. "An important fact against the accused. She admitted being at the ferry depot on the day that the poisoned candy was mailed at the ferry postoffice. Three other important witnesses were introduced by the defense. The court adjourned until Tuesday, when the prosecution will present testimony in rebuttal.

REACHING RIGHT OUT.

Francisco is After South American Trade.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The treasurer San Juan, from Central America, brought news that the governments of Ecuador and Chile, with the purpose of developing reciprocal commerce, have resolved to form a commercial and navigation treaty, naming for this purpose the respective plenipotentiaries. The President of the Republic of Ecuador, by His Excellency Senator Eloy Alfaro, and the President of the Republic of Chile, by His Excellency, Senor Don Matheu, have agreed to contain articles which will result in materially benefiting trade between these countries.

In consequence of the matters set forth in the treaty, the members of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association met today and formulated a charter of which a copy will be addressed to the Secretary of State at Washington, setting forth San Francisco's advantages as a shipping point for Central and South American ports.

PROTECTIVE STATIONS.

Main Forming to Prevent Vessels Breaking Domestical Customs Laws.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] VICTORIA (B. C.) Dec. 23.—The Dominion customs authorities have begun a war of extermination on the fleet of sloops and schooners, the majority of which are American vessels, hailing from Puget Sound, which have made considerable money and defrauded the customs of considerable, by the sale of their contraband goods to the Indians and other settlers along the British Columbia northern coast line.

To this end they are about to establish a chain of protective stations along the coast. Officers will be stationed at each, who will be empowered to seize any vessel found smuggling or otherwise breaking the customs laws. The stations will be at Fort Bay, Bellacoola, Porcher Island, Ahousat, Quatsino.

Although they will not be made ports of entry, coasting and Alaskan citizens being members of the

traders will be allowed to go in there for coal, wood or supplies, and will be restricted to those ports only. Should they go in at any other place which the law forbids, they will be seized. The officer at Porcher Island will be exercised mostly in watching the American fishing craft, which go to the Heceta Straits for halibut. Some of those engaged in fishing there have been in the habit of landing on Porcher Island to dry nets, and this practice in the future will be disallowed.

FRESNO OFFICIALS INDICTED.

County Grand Jury Making it Very Warm for Them.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] FRESNO, Dec. 23.—The Fresno County grand jury created another session this afternoon when it found accusations against all the members of the Fresno City Board of Trustees, charging them with corrupt conduct in office and mismanagement of public affairs.

The officers accused of malfeasance are Mayor C. J. Craycroft, and Trustees E. M. Chittenden, Joseph Spinney, W. F. McVey and E. L. Austin.

The specific charge against them is that they have squandered the funds of the city in paying \$1795.25 for the reconstruction of an engine house without first having advertised for bids. It is alleged that the amount is over \$100 in excess of what it would have been had bids been called for in that manner. The engine-house in question was built for the Fresno fire department over a year ago at the instance of Trustee Joe Spinney at a cost of \$10,000. It is one of the finest of its kind in the State.

The evidence against the accused officials seems to be conclusive, and it is thought that they will be ousted from office.

They will be notified of the grand jury's action in the morning and ordered to answer before the Superior Court within ten days. The proceeding is only quasi criminal in nature, the object being simply to oust the trustees from office.

PRICE OF WINES.

C. A. Buckley Reported to Have Sold at Advanced Figures.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Examiner says C. A. Buckley has sold to Chevalier & Co. of this city his '97 '98 wines at an advance price on that fixed by the recent sale of the Wine-makers' Corporation in their contract with the California association. He is to get 13½ cents for red wines and 17 cents for white, the cellar in Livermore containing 175,000 gallons of red wine and about 22,000 gallons of white. He had held these wines for the growers, and the price he received was the price of '97 grapes at \$1.25 for black grapes and \$1.50 for white grapes, from which he may deduct a reasonable charge for storage and interest since September last. Thus it appears that the growers will get about \$12 for black grapes and \$15 for white grapes.

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Steps Taken Toward Conducting a Campaign of Education.

[A. P. EARLY MORNING REPORT.] SEATTLE (Wash.) Dec. 23.—A definite step toward organizing the Democratic voters of this State for the next Presidential campaign has been taken by Chairman Jones and Secretary Manager of the Democratic State Central Committee. In a circular letter they suggest that subscription books be opened in every precinct for the purpose of securing the subscriptions of voters who will pay not less than 25 cents a month during the next two years for the purpose of conducting a campaign of education along the Jefferson and Jacksonian lines. When sufficient money is pledged, headquarters will be opened.

FORTY CHINESE PEACOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Forty peacocks from China have been received by the California Fish Commission and distributed along the banks of the San Joaquin River, and in Humboldt and Sonoma counties. More of these birds are expected on the next steamer from the Orient.

FATL EFFECT OF BOOZE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—An unknown seafaring man was found dead in a water-front saloon today. He had been accidentally locked in the place all night, and had imbibed so freely of the beverages of the place that he died of alcoholism.

BIG FIRE AT ALBION.

MENDOCINO, Dec. 23.—Early this morning three dry kilns, several sheds, about 20,000 feet of lumber and thousands of shingles, belonging to the Albion Lumber Company, were destroyed by fire. The county bridge across the Albion River was threatened by the flames, but was saved after one of the approaches had been burned. The total loss by fire may reach \$30,000.

SELLERS WILL COMBINE.

VICTORIA (B. C.) Dec. 23.—The owners and agents of several stores have decided to incorporate a company with a capital stock of \$650,000, subject to the conclusions of the International Commission at Washington. This means the determination of some of the sealers not to accept any offer of purchase.

CONSUMMATE SUICIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Adolphine Urvalak, a native of Bohemia, aged 31, committed suicide late last night in the Valley Children's Hospital by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was a patient and was suffering from consumption. He despaired of recovery and ended his life on that account.

SHERRYS.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sutcliffe, the woman who shot herself last night, is in a precarious condition this morning, with little chance for life. It is believed that she has suffered or has had some disagreeable news from her husband, and grew despondent. The blak knife and axe found in the room are held by some to be proof that she intended to kill her two boys, but her heart failed her. She fired two balls into her abdomen.

ASKS FOR A DISSOLUTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Visalia Railroad Company today applied in the Superior Court for a dissolution of the corporation, alleging that at a meeting of stockholders held December 22, a majority of the stockholders had voted to dissolve the corporation. The directors of the Visalia Railroad are H. T. Huntington, Julius Kruegern, William Hood, W. C. Curtis and B. A. Worthington.

LYNDON'S GAIN ON RECOUNT.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 23.—The election recount today showed that in San Jose Precinct No. 1, voted for Lyndon, contestants for Sheriff were carried for Langford or Bollinger. The fact these precincts have been counted, which gives Lyndon a gain of nine, Conant, for Treasurer, a gain of four, and Aggeller, City Justice, a gain of three.

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RYAN GOT THE BEST.

ALL O'BRIEN COULD DO WAS TO GET PUNCHED.

Strict Police Interference in the Fourteenth Round Was Generally Approved.

BOSTON MAN WAS NO GOOD.

NOT ACTUALLY KNOCKED OUT, BUT NOT HIS FAULT.

Scientific Boxer from Syracuse Had the Best of It All Through Race-track Events—Inside Summaries.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT) HARTFORD (Ct.) Dec. 23.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum tonight. The police interfered in the fourteenth round and saved O'Brien from an actual knock-out, but as far as practicable purposes were concerned, he was out. Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right-hand swing on the jaw and Dick got on his feet again just as referee Roche counted seven.

The fight had all been knocked out of him. He was helpless and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right-hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard upper-cut. Then Chief of Police Bill jumped into the ring and stopped the bout, and Roche awarded the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality.

It was Ryan's fight all the way through. He wore O'Brien down by inches with the jabs, and had him bleeding at the nose and eye early in the fight. Several times Ryan had his man going, but although he made dozens of passes he could not land that right swing till the fourteenth round. Ryan was too quick on his feet and too scientific for his opponent, who could simply stand still and punch and be punched.

TOD SLOAN COMING.

JOCKEY WILL Soon Reach California for the Winter.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Jockey Tod Sloan, Eddie Bald, the cyclist, and a son of Michael Dwyer, turfman, reached Kokomo, Ind., today on a visit to Sloan's foster parents. They will be given a reception Christmas day, and early next week the three young men will journey to the Pacific Coast. They will spend the winter in and around California, hunting and fishing. They are traveling in a private parlor car, attached to which is another car filled with hunting implements and other paraphernalia incident to lake and forest sport. Sloan announces positively that he will not ride at either Oakland or Ingleside this winter. Nor will he ride in the East on his return in the spring. He intends to cross the water again early next year, and says he has a two years' contract to wear the purple and gold of the Prince of Wales's stable, and will, of course, be mounted in the principal English stables. Lord Beresford will have second call on his services.

Ingleside Summaries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The weather at Ingleside was fine and the track slow.

Six furlongs: Ballista, 118 (H. Martin), 8 to 1, won; Tiread, 118 (Macklin), 6 to 1, third; time: 1:04½. Martello, De los Reyes, St. Kirstine, Melkhardt, Sierra Blanca, My Dear, Peach Blossom, Lomo, Bland, Silver Girl and Goeth all ran.

Five furlongs: Espirando, 107 (Gray), 8 to 1, won; Sevay, 107 (Thorpe), 12 to 5, second; Scintillate, 107 (H. Martin), 6 to 1, third; time: 1:04½. Martello, De los Reyes, St. Kirstine, Melkhardt, Sierra Blanca, My Dear, Peach Blossom, Lomo, Bland, Silver Girl and Goeth also ran.

Seven furlongs: handicap: Paul Griggs, 110 (H. Martin), even; Topmast, 107 (Thorpe), 8 to 1, second; Novia, 100 (I. Powell), 8 to 1, third; time: 1:29½. Morringa and San Venado also ran.

Six furlongs: selling: Whitcomb, 107 (Thorpe), 3 to 1, won; Hohenzollern, 110 (A. Jones), 12 to 1, second; Joe Ultimus, 107 (H. Martin), 8 to 1, third; time: 1:16½. Myth, Lady Britannic, Cutaway and St. Lee also ran.

One mile: Othlanna, 113 (H. Shields), 3 to 5, won; Ulim, 103 (J. Ward), 4 to 1, second; Boardman, 103 (Beauchamp), 20 to 1, third; time: 1:44½. Nora Ives and Baby King also ran.

On New Orleans Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The track was good.

Six furlongs, selling: Eight Bells, won, Louise second, High Jinks third; time: 1:16.

Seven furlongs: Frisket, won, Ben Walker, second, Lady Fitzsimmons third; time: 1:31½.

One mile: 450 yards, selling: Applejack, won, Patroon second, Hambden third; time: 1:49.

Six furlongs, selling: Miss Ross, won, Disturbance, second, Sim W., third; time: 1:16½.

Seven furlongs: Sensational, won, Hanlow, second, Travis third; time: 1:31.

Riley Grannan Reinstituted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Riley Grannan was reinstated by the stewards of the Jockey Club at a meeting held at "Doc" Street, who has been under the ban since the meeting at St. Asaph in 1886, was also reinstated. Grannan had been beaten in the courts and on the turf, and his pardon is a voluntary act of clemency on the part of the Jockey Club.

Grannan was ruled off in 1886 on the charge of having violated that rule which prohibits giving presents to jockeys by others than the owner of the horse. August Belmont, chairman of the State Racing Commission, which had intervened in the suit, had an appeal allowed and the award went to the Court of Appeals, and Grannan was defeated on all points, and the rights of the racing authorities to make such rules as they saw fit, providing those rules were approved by the State Racing Association, was established.

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BORDA REACHES PORT.

Four-master Blown a Thousand Miles Out of Her Course.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The missing four-masted Philadelphia schooner, Matilda D. Borda, Capt. Norton, which sailed from Portsmouth, N. H., November 20, for this port, the day before the terrific gale which caused such sacrifice of life and property along the coast, and which was blown over one thousand miles out of her course, arrived here tonight in tow of the tug Aas Hughes. The home-coming of the crew of the vessel which had for some time been put up for lost, was one that will be long remembered by their relatives who have passed through weeks of great anxiety.

Sagasta Seriously Ill.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The condition of Señor Sagasta, the Premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation this afternoon regarding his case, and concluded that he suffered from bronchial pneumonia, with a high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great sympathy. Señor Giroldi, Minister of Justice, is acting Premier.

Insane Man at Large.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Joseph D. Pease, the man who created a disturbance in the House of Representatives, this morning, was found in the plate-glass windows of the British Embassy and was sent to the insane asylum, escaped from that institution today and is still at large.

The Ripening of Fruits.

THE French Academy of Sciences once offered a prize for a proper elucidation of this important and highly-interesting subject. M. Bertrand of Montpellier gained the prize, and the following summary of useful facts from his paper will no doubt interest our readers:

Fruits do not act on the air in the same manner as leaves do. The results of the action of the former, both in light and darkness, are at every instant of their formation and growth to suffer a loss of carbon, which combining with the oxygen of the atmosphere, forms carbonic acid. This loss of carbon is essential to the ripening of the fruit, for if the latter be placed in an atmosphere deprived of carbon the function of throwing out carbon will become suspended, the ripening stopped, and if the fruit remain attached to the tree or plant, it will dry up and die.

Fruits which are inclosed in shells, however, may and do ripen for the membranes which form the husk are naturally permeable to the air. Indeed, the greater the number of external and internal air spaces there are from the both have always been found to be of uniform composition; that is, when analyzed the atmosphere within the shell has furnished the same relative quantities of oxygen and nitrogen as at the air which we breathe.

When fruit separated from the tree (even though capable of completing their own ripening) are placed in atmospheres or media deprived of oxygen they will not ripen; the power of ripening, however, in such case is only suspended, and may be induced to act, or be re-established, by placing the fruit in an atmosphere capable of taking carbon from them. If the fruit however, remain too long in the decomposed situation it will have lost the power of ripening, even although it preserve nearly the same external appearance.

From these facts the inference is plain, but highly important—viz., that most fruits, and especially those which do not require to ripen long on their parent trees, may be preserved for a considerable time, and thus their utility and the pleasure which they afford be prolonged. The most simple process consists in forming a paste of lime, sulphate of iron and water, placing the same at the bottoms of glass jars, bottles and cans, and introducing the fruit pulled a few days before it would otherwise have become ripe. Such fruits, however, are to be kept from the bottoms of the bottles or other vessels, and as much as possible from each other; at the same time care must be taken to close the bottle or jar with proper caps and cork, either with or without blind flaps, or tin covers according to circumstances, persons at all acquainted with chemistry will perceive that fruits thus placed are situated in an atmosphere entirely freed from oxygen (which has been absorbed by the paste), and consequently, that they will be preserved for a longer space of time, according to their nature—peaches, apricots, prunes and several species of plums, from twenty days to a month; pears and apples, for full three months. If either of these fruits be withdrawn from their confinement (after their respective periods) and exposed to the air, they will ripen extremely well; but if these periods be much exceeded, they will undergo partial alteration and will not ripen at all.

It is well known that ripe fruit is long exposed to the air it will rot and decay; in such cases the fruit first changes the oxygen of the surrounding air, and so it is with the same gas is evolved from its own substance in a large quantity. Indeed, the presence of oxygen gas is necessary to the rotting or decaying of fruits, for when it is absent a different change takes place. When the fruit cannot be kept except on the tree it is ripening is not caused by any chemical change of its substance while still green, but by the change or addition of new substances furnished to it by the capillary vessels of its parent stem. And it is a remarkable fact, well-ascertained, that when fruits ripen they have lost the acid taste and qualities which they possessed in their unripe state, it is because that taste is hidden by the large quantity of sugar which they receive during the process of ripening.

In the fruits which ripen after separation from the tree, likewise the quantity of sugar is found considerably to increase; in such cases, however, it must be formed at the expense of the substance previously composing the fruit. Gum, lignin and water are the only substances which are present in the fruit, and diminish during the process. It is, therefore, natural for us to conclude that it is those portions of these substances which have disappeared that have been converted into sugar, and as the lignin contains the greatest quantity of carbon, it is evident that the carbon is lost in the oxygen acid—a change so essential in the ripening of fruits.

It is difficult to suppose that in those fruits which ripen early on the tree all the sugar should be sent into the fruit from the plant. It is much more probable that the substance of the fruit

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R.O.P.A.N.S

I have been a theatrical printer for the past twenty years, and am thirty-five years old. For the past four years my stomach has cost me a nice little sum, and I could only eat certain kinds of food, and those like pie would upset me for two days. I had to give up smoking a pipe (which was worst of all), for just a week, and I did smoke again, but I was distressed with a fulness and bursting feeling after eating two slices of toast and one cup of coffee, and anything that tasted good, no matter how small, was very large when I ate it. I tried to give up smoking, but the desire was so strong that I could not. The latest suspect arrested under the temporary nose law are Thomas Sloan and Thomas Watson. One of the prisoners declared he was innocent, and said that his nose had grown large and he had given up eating meat, bread and air to keep it out of other people's affairs. The other prisoner maintained that his arrest was a direct effort to his facial adornment, which he considered on a par with that of Julius Caesar. Sloan could not identify the men.

One man with a nose like a Michigan nose said he has been chased by the police to his home and to his office. He says it is bad enough for a man to have his proboscis barked at by the dogs, without being placed under a cloud of suspicion and hounded by the police. The latest suspect arrested under the temporary nose law is Arthur Cambridge, the theatrical man, who has slipped out into the suburbs and pawned his nose to a jeweler. When chickens can supply themselves with all the alfalfa, gravel and pure water they want, chase bugs and worms at pleasure, and can rest in comfortable shade when not at work, the labor of caring for them is reduced to the minimum, they are given perfect food for egg production, and they have that freedom which is essential to health. In such a case they will require but little grain food, and while it is desirable from the point of economy that that be grown by the poultryman himself, it is not an essential to success.

Poultry-raising is a matter of infinite care at best, and when that condition is aggravated by the necessity for feeding by hand, something is liable to be neglected and lead to disaster, or at least to a lack of profit.

The conditions which have been outlined as ideal in California do not always exist naturally in this section, but there are many places where they can be provided with little expense, and it is in such places alone that one should ever undertake to carry on the business.

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Sunday,	22,500
Monday,	22,500
Tuesday,	22,810
Wednesday,	22,800
Thursday,	22,800
Friday,	22,800
Saturday,	22,800

Total for the week.....
Daily average for the week.....
[Signed] HARRY CHANDLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1898,
THOMAS L. CHAPIN,
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

NOTE.—THE TIMES is a seven-day paper. The above average, viz., 169,120 copies issued by us during the seven days of the week, would, if apportioned to each day of a six-day evening paper, give daily averages of circulation for each week-day of 28,187 copies.

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The Midwinter Number of The Times, to be issued on January 1, next, will surpass in interest and value any special number ever issued from this office, and will be in every respect worthy of the section and progress of which it will represent. It will be issued in the popular magazine form, with beautiful lithograph cover, and will contain, as a special feature, a section of about a dozen pages illustrated with half-tones, printed on fine book paper and presenting attractive scenes in Southern California. There will be a comprehensive glance at the progress and present condition of the seven counties, prepared by writers who are experts in the matters of which they write, the whole being amply illustrated by THE TIMES artist. The edition will comprise at least 100,000 copies.

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IS THE LAW BEING VIOLATED?

As THE TIMES has shown, in the course of its investigations into the conditions affecting the fruit-growing industry of Southern California, there are decided indications that the transcontinental railroads—the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe—are pooling their freight business, so far as the shipment of California fruits are concerned. There is also evidence, of a reliable nature, that one or both of these railroads have in certain instances granted rebates to some of the heavy shippers of citrus fruits. The evidences of a pool or agreement of some sort between the fruit express companies, which control a large proportion of the cars used for the shipment of these fruits, are at least convincing, if not conclusive.

It is hardly necessary to say that these pools, or private arrangements, if they exist, are in violation of the laws of the United States, which expressly and explicitly forbid agreements of this kind, in restraint of trade, between transportation companies. If the law has been and is being set at defiance by these corporations, the facts ought to be made known, if possible, in order that prosecutions may follow.

The fruit-growers of Southern California have long been trying to secure lower freight rates to the eastern markets, but their success thus far has been of a very indifferent kind. It is not improbable that their non-success is due in no small degree to the supposed understanding between the transportation lines, by which it is possible to maintain rates and prevent competition. Whether this be true or not, the question as to whether the law against pooling and other forms of conspiracy in restraint of trade has not been violated and is not being violated constantly by these transportation companies in their dealings with our fruit interests. The matter might be brought before the Federal courts by fruit dealers and shippers who are cognizant of the alleged fact that rebates have been granted in some cases, and who are in possession of facts tending to show that pooling arrangements exist between the companies controlling the transportation of fruit. An investigation of this subject by the Interstate Commerce Commission might also have a salutary effect all around. It might be somewhat difficult to prove the alleged violations of law, but it has been made apparent from the investigations conducted by THE TIMES that evidence pointing strongly to such violations is not by any means wanting.

The continued agitation of the question of better freight rates is almost certain, in the end, to bring out all the facts connected with the matter. This agitation should not cease until our fruit men have secured the concessions for which they ask, or at least until they have secured a freight rate which will allow them to conduct their business on a basis which will afford them something like a fair and reasonable profit.

In the mean time, the fruit men of Southern California should remember

PRESIDENT AND POLITICIAN.

It is now a seemingly well-settled fact that our President, if not the greatest statesman in all the American history, is certainly the ablest politician that has risen above the plane of ordinary citizenship since the days of the martyr President, Abraham Lincoln. Most writers who have eulogized the great-hearted Prairie Giant have confined themselves to panegyrics upon his sterling patriotism, his faultless honesty and his unwavering devotion to the cause of human liberty. They seem totally to have overlooked the fact that he was the most adroit politician in the country's annals, just as much the superior of Seward, Sumner and grim old Thaddeus Stevens, in that respect, as those arch-leaders were the superiors of so many country justices of the peace.

In nothing was this better exemplified than in the matter of the Emancipation Proclamation. He made his rough draft of it and read it through several times, expunging a word here and adding a sentence there. Then he read it aloud to his Cabinet at its next meeting, and asked the members thereof their approval of it. There was no word of dissent. How could there be any fault found with the unswerving patriotism and austere love of country which animated all his state papers, couched in such crisp and vigorous English as can be found in any of the great national histories? He had once drawn the sword. He conquered through the same strong individuality that had enabled him to rise above all contemporaries in the years that had flown—and through the same twin agencies of common sense and discretion. He must go down to history as, in the highest sense, the greatest politician of his day.

"Nothing of the sort," said Mr. Lincoln, in his dry way, "if you issue that now, you will afford to the world the spectacle of America going down on her knees to implore the aid of Africa. No, we will wait until the country is ready for it." It was nearly seven months before it was given publicity and not until he had become satisfied that the war would last as long as the white men could keep the slaves at home, tilling the soil to feed their families while they stayed in the field. Then it was that he put forth the proclamation as a military necessity, to which he invited, to use his own words, "the earnest approval of mankind and the unerring judgment of Almighty God." Abraham Lincoln was a great politician because he was one of the people and wanted to move directly with them, instead of being in advance of popular sentiment like Lovejoy, Sumner or Garrison.

Mr. McKinley seems to be mentally molded on a good deal the same lines, and therefore his recent speeches in the South are eminently deserving of the most searching criticism, simply because they will bear it. It was no easy task for a man who had fought the South during the war, and voted for the Force Bill while sitting in his seat as a Congressman, to go down to Montgomery, to the very spot where Jeff Davis took the oath as Chief Magistrate of the Southern Confederacy, and acquit himself as McKinley did. The chief danger to a man in his exalted position as President was that he would either say too little or too much. In the one case he would be set down as a trimmer, who had dodged the real points at issue; and in the other, as a man who had not survived the acrimony of the civil war and could "forget nothing through magnanimity nor learn anything through experience."

But the President said just enough.

He succeeded where the polished diction of a Conkling or the magnetic oratory of a Garfield would have failed. Other Presidents had visited the South before him—Arthur, Cleveland and Harrison, notably, but none of them were so fortunate as to utter anything that would endure in the popular mind. But McKinley at once disarmed all antagonism by his fervent allusions to the war in Cuba and the patriotism of the Southern men who had fought for the old flag. That once accomplished, the President was on easy terms with all the southern people. He drew no invidious distinctions in his utterances, but remembered that Mr. Lincoln in his immortal Gettysburg speech, had said, "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated this ground far beyond our power to add or detract." Is it any wonder that he captured the South as no previous President had done, especially when he alluded to the nation's duty to its honored dead? For a man that had served half a lifetime in Congress without making any attempt at what is generally deemed oratory, these speeches at Montgomery, Atlanta and Savannah, are marvels in their quiet way; and the close reader hardly knows for which to admire them most—their sterling patriotism, their deep and manifest sincerity, or their plain, unvarnished, common sense. More particularly, was this noticeable in the way in which he spoke to the negroes at Montgomery. He said:

"Keep on, is the word I would leave with you today; keep on in the efforts upward, and remember that in acquiring knowledge there is one thing as important as that and that is character. Nothing in the whole, wide world is worth so much, will last so long and serve its purpose so well as good character. It is something that no one can take from you and no one can give to you. You must acquire it for yourself."

Col. Roosevelt's report to Gen.

Wood, on July 20, of the operations

of his regiment in the campaign before Santiago, makes a forceful com-

ment on the inadequacy of the preparation for caring for the men. "Our suffering," he says, "has been due primarily to lack of transportation and proper food, or sufficient clothing and medical supplies." The heroism of the men who fought as did the Rough Riders, under such circum-

stances, approaches the marvelous.

Gen. Wheeler put the situation in

a nutshell at the New England So-

cietly banquet in New York when he

said, referring to the question of

territorial expansion, that this coun-

try could not "back down from the

task imposed upon it by Providence."

Never before was a public man

placed in a more delicate situation,

but he met it boldly and came out

victor in that as he has in every-

thing else. He was the representative of a great party that had stricken off

the shackles from the limbs of the

slave and invested him with the

pride and dignity of a freeman's bal-

lot; and as the leader of that party

he could not shirk the delicate task

of addressing the emancipated colored

men. To do this without offending

the tender sensibilities of white per-

sons present, or who might read his

speeches in print, was something

that demanded a degree of tact to

which neither Harrison nor Arthur

had risen. Yet he made a brief

speech which abounded with noble

thought, and in which he sought to

arouse the blacks to a full sense of

their manhood, yet did so without

giving the least offense to Southerners

who had inherited the prejudices of

the old régime.

In a word, he talked for the

country and the whole country. He suc-

ceeded where a more polished orator

would have failed, because men looked

into his calm face and clear eyes and

were satisfied that he was earnest

and sincere. To be a leader, a man

must sympathize earnestly with the

cause of which he becomes the advo-

cate. The calm and intrepid spirit

which has marked President McKinley's rise from a humble lawyer in an Ohio country town to the foremost

station in the world's greatest repub-

lic, and which had stood him so well

in hand during the earlier years of

his stormy political life, was the safe-

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In the words of the Senator from

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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—[Reported by George E. Franklin, Local Forecast Official.] At 5 o'clock a.m. the barometer registered 30.21; at 5 p.m., 30.35. Thermometer for the corresponding hours showed 45 deg. above zero, day and night; humidity, 5 a.m., 20 per cent.; 5 p.m., 27 per cent. Wind, 5 a.m., northeast, velocity 2 miles; 5 p.m., southwest, velocity 3 miles. Max. sun temperature, 68 deg.; minimum temperature, 57 deg. Barometer reduced to sea level.

DRY BULB TEMPERATURE.

Los Angeles 46 San Francisco 52 San Diego 48 Portland 34

Weather Conditions.—There has been a general rise in pressure during the past twenty-four hours west of the Missouri River, and the pressure this morning is exceedingly high over the mountain and plateau regions, indicated by fair, cold weather. The gradients diminish with considerable steepness toward Southern California, which is cold, northerly winds and frost. Heavy frost and thin ice formed this morning in exposed places at Los Angeles, and a heavy frost is reported from Eureka. Temperature approaching freezing is reported this morning from the San Joaquin Valley and in the vicinity of Point Conception.

Forecasts.—Local forecast for Los Angeles and vicinity: Continued fair, cold weather tonight, with frost in exposed places, but probably so cold as last night; fair and pleasant during the day Saturday; lights to fresh northerly winds, shifting to westerly Saturday afternoon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—For Southern California: Fair Saturday; fresh northwest wind.

Tide Table.

	High.	Low.
Monday, Dec. 19.	2:17 a.m. 8:05 a.m.	
" 19.	1:53 p.m. 8:08 p.m.	
Tuesday, " 20.	1:53 p.m. 8:10 p.m.	
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Wednesday, " 21.	4:00 a.m. 10:49 a.m.	
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Thursday, " 22.	5:15 a.m. 11:17 p.m.	
" 22.	6:32 p.m. 11:31 p.m.	
Friday, " 23.	5:45 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	
" 23.	7:25 p.m.	
Saturday, " 24.	6:30 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Santa Claus has been buying more freely this year than usual, and it is probable that every darning stocking in Los Angeles will be filled tonight. Likewise the undarned fellows.

If you have not yet contemplated anything to bring good cheer to the poor tomorrow, do not neglect to do so today. This will enable you to thoroughly enjoy your Christmas better.

ROUNDING UP THIEVES.

Police are Doing Effective Work.

Truwick Pleads Guilty.

Since the police censor has eased up and commenced giving out news of burglaries and petty thefts, arrests of thieves are much more frequent and the police are making quite a record for apprehending purloiners of other people's property. Scarcely a day passes that several culprits with thieving propensities are not called to account in the Police Court.

Nick Truwick, who was arrested several days ago, had two preliminary examinations before Justice Owens yesterday, one for burglary, the other for petty larceny with a prior conviction.

He was sentenced to serve six months in the city jail for breaking into a barber shop on San Fernando street and stealing a lot of barbers' tools and supplies. The petty larceny was for stealing a pair of trousers.

Truwick was taken into the Superior Court at once, where he pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment at San Quentin. He served 640 days in the City Jail recently for stealing chickens, and there is a petty larceny complaint standing against him in Justice Morrison's court at present. It is probable that this case will be dismissed.

John Wain was arraigned for petty larceny in Justice Morrison's court, for the alleged theft of \$12.80 from the till of C. S. Boone's restaurant on East Florida street. He will have a hearing today.

Henry Walters was arraigned on a burglary charge before Justice Owens and had his examination set for December 27, at 2 o'clock.

Four boys, Charles Rayburn, Henry Herman, Peter Giovan and Bert Smith, were arraigned for petty larceny, and may have to appear on their charges today. They were arrested by Officer Huston, who alleges that they broke into a grocery store and stole some goods.

ELEVENTH-STREET FRANCHISE.

Mass-meeting Asks for Immediate Action by the Council.

Resolutions asking the City Council to advertise at once for bids for a franchise for an electric street railway on Eleventh street were adopted at a meeting held last night in the Union Avenue Presbyterian Church. Herman Silver, Councilman from the Fourth Ward, was asked to work for such action, and a committee including T. E. Gibbon, P. R. Wilson, Judge J. A. Anderson, J. C. Gladden and W. F. Bosbyshell was appointed to present the matter to the Council.

The Pacific and Los Angeles Rail-

way Companies both asked for franchises on Eleventh street.

The Council postponed action for sixty days to await probable action by the next Legislature in amending the laws concerning the granting of franchises by municipalities.

The mass meeting was adjourned until further notice.

A communication was read in which the Los Angeles Railway Company agreed to withdraw its present application for a franchise and file another so soon as the legislature made its decision.

The company indicated that it would withdraw its application if the legislature granted franchises by municipalities.

It is apparent that the only way the people can win is to lose, but it is manifest that the San Francisco lawyers are pretty confident that they will be the winners.

Mrs. Gray's Body Sent East.

The body of Mrs. Jessie Gilman de Garmo, who committed suicide in this city last Monday night, was shipped to her mother, Mrs. Julia Gilman, at Churchville, N. Y., yesterday, by undertakers Orr & Hines. The remains of the dead woman, in accordance with her last request, will be buried beside her grandfather at Churchville, a suburb of Rochester.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Orr & Hines' undertaking parlor. F. J. Zeehendlaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, paid his respects in connection with the Home Products Exhibition of two years ago, had charge of the obsequies. A number of friends of the dead woman were present to show their respect. Rev. Bur. Estes Howard conducted the services.

Nutt's Body Claimed.

The body of Alexander W. Nutt of Philadelphia, who committed suicide in this city last Wednesday, will not be buried in the potter's field after all. Messrs. Orr & Hines yesterday received a telegram from Mrs. Horace Butterworth of Chicago, asking that the remains be embalmed and held until a letter from her is received. Mrs. Butterworth is reported to be a sister of the dead man. Her husband is connected with the University of Chicago, and her address was found among the dead man's effects. The undertakers telegraphed news of the tragedy to her, as well as to other persons whose addresses were given them from memoranda left by Nutt. No reply was received from any source except from Mrs. Butterworth. The remains have been embalmed and are awaiting her further orders.

Church Debt Raised.

The Third Presbyterian Church has just succeeded in the enterprise begun two months ago of raising the debt of \$3000 which hung over the property. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Miller have presented a fine organ to the church.

HILL IN CONTROL.

CHANGE IN DIRECTORY OF PACIFIC COAST SHIPMENT COMPANY.

Election of J. D. Farrell Confirms the Belief that the Great Northern Has Absorbed the Coast Line of Steamships.

The election of J. D. Farrell as director of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the only change made in the directory of the concern at Thursday's meeting of the company in San Francisco, is another point in verification of the report published exclusively in Wednesday's Times regarding James J. Hill having gained control of the company. Mr. Farrell has, during a long term of years, been intimately associated with Mr. Hill in the enterprises in which the latter, as president of the Great Northern, has been engaged.

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NEW MEXICO.

DRUNKEN PAISANOS MURDER A COMPANION.

Penitentes of Taos Get the Worst of an Attack Upon Americans. General News Notes and Briefs.

ALBUQUERQUE (N. M.) Dec. 21.—Regular Correspondence. Rosario Chaves, or Rivera, was stabbed to death through the heart, last Monday night. Free indulgence in native wine and a quarrel over depraved women was the prime cause of the tragedy, which occurred in Francisco Martínez's wine room in Old Albuquerque. Francisco Pérez, José Apodaca, Fidel Pérez and José Jaramillo are under arrest for the crime, but their conviction seems problematical, unless some of them should turn State's evidence. When Jaramillo was arrested his hands were covered with blood. He explained this by saying that he was pushed over on the dead body. The men claim that the body was lying in the wine room when they entered. They told various stories, one being to the effect that Chaves was stabbed outside of the music hall and staggered into the room. Expert testimony declared that the wound was of such nature as to cause instant death, and that therefore this story could hardly be true.

The selection of a company physician for the employees of the Silver City Reduction Works was left to a popular vote. Dr. Van Cleve was chosen almost unanimously.

Capt. J. P. Hobbs, M.D., assistant surgeon in the United States marine hospital service, has been visiting various points in the Territory on a hunt for a suitable location for a sanitarium for marine consumptives.

Herman Blucher, an enterprising dredger living at Old Albuquerque, son of the agent sent Havana for tobacco seed in the best varieties grown on the island of Cuba. From these he raised a crop this year, and has made a number of cigars, which he has distributed among his friends. The tobacco is said to have all the peculiarities of flavor characteristic of the best pure Havana on the market.

The United Weather Bureau office has been included in the district in which warnings of northern gales are given. The signal is a red flag with a blue center. The warnings are of great value to cattlemen in the plains country.

Advices sent to James A. La Rue, secretary of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Board, state that blackleg is raging among the cattle herds in San Juan and western Grant counties. The disease is infectious, but not contagious.

Francisco Martinez was killed at Chamita by Ramon Patron. Jealousy and wine were the causes leading to the tragedy.

Juanito Nigali, 17 years old, a Navajo boy, was injured and died on the 12th inst. in his dormitory room at the Santa Fe Indian school by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of James Gorman, a Navajo boy, 19 years old. No arrests.

A. P. Fredericks and Charles Thomas, postoffice inspectors, before leaving Albuquerque, emphatically denied that their report after inspection of the office would create any interesting developments. A new postmaster was appointed immediately after the submission of their report.

W. H. Withington of Las Vegas fell from the roof of the new Brown-Manzanares building and died two hours afterward. He was 21 years old and a carpenter by trade. A timber slipped with him and he fell from a height of three stories.

Solomon Bibo, who came to New Mexico about thirty years ago, has died. Some of his numerous interests in Valencia county and three brothers, and with his family has moved to San Francisco. Mr. Bibo was at one time Governor of the Acoma Indians.

One of the Indian-school boys was found dead drunk in the streets of Santa Fé recently, and would have been badly frozen had he not been discovered.

J. C. Howe of Richmond, Mo., recently eloped with his hired servant, made a short stay at Santa Fé, leaving there the next day after receiving a call from persons resident in his own town.

Officers of the Cerrillos Coal and Railway Company deny that the White Arrow yell at Madrid has been exhausted.

The recent shooting at Taos continues to be a much-mooted subject. Friends of Sheriff Trujillo state that one of his deputies asked the American strangers to take off their hats when the procession of penitentes passed. They refused and a bystander knocked one of the men's hats. A fight ensued and the American were beaten. Trujillo pulled his gun in the saloon, holding it above his head and when it was accidentally discharged the bullet went through the roof. Instantly three shots were fired into the Sheriff's body. The story told by Americans is that the two strangers removed their headgear as the penitentes passed, but pulled them off before the straggling rear of the processions gone by. They were immediately surrounded by a mob and put in jail. The Sheriff, it is charged, started to kill someone on general principles and Gifford was the first man he met. Gifford got away from the Sheriff, but met him later on the street. Trujillo opened fire again and two shots. A crowd gathered and about twenty shots were heard, the Sheriff falling mortally wounded. Thirteen balls were afterward dug out of the adobe wall, placed there by the Sheriff and others. The crowd of penitentes is said to have been badly intoxicated.

Rosser Jury Roasted.

(Palace, Rutherford.) They have acquitted Rosser of the murder of Hildebrandt, whom he slew as wantonly as one who should shoot down an unknown passer by the streets just to see him fall. The Tar Baby, which inside of him guilty of the offense. That jury could hardly have been made up of twelve fools. There must have been a Judas in the twelve, and in this twelve there must have been as many as eleven Judases and one fool. If there had been one with the elements of manhood in him that jury would have hanged until the day of judgment. No single man bringing in such a verdict. The name of those twelve should be embazoned in every rogues' gallery in Christendom. They should be hung in effigy in every public place and given employment. Men should ne'er be sold to them nor sell to them. Wherever they go they should be made to feel that degree of contempt that they deserve. It is a pity to feel against those who have proven themselves recreant to the highest trust imposed upon men in civilized society.

A Wife's Complaint.

A warrant was issued yesterday by Justice Owens for the arrest of D. E. Patterson on the charge of making threats against his wife. Mrs. Amelia Patterson alleges that her husband has on divers occasions beaten her, and that she only avoided a severe beating, if not death, by outprinting him on Thursday evening. She avows to have him placed under bonds to keep the peace. Patterson is the fellow who was assaulted on Commercial street several weeks ago by a man who, he supposes, was Matt Rosenthal, a watchman in Chinatown. The question of Rosenthal's guilt is still under advisement of Justice Owens.

PORT sherry, angelica, muscatel, 30¢ and 40¢ quart. Woolacott, 124 N. Spring.

Choice Grapes Abound.

THE markets of Troy and of every other New York city and town are well supplied with grapes from the vineyards of our own State. Tokays are coming, as usual, from California, but of the more common varieties the New York vineyards yield enough and to spare. Two sources of supply are available. Most of the choice grapes received in this city come from the famous Keuka Lake region, in Yates and Steuben counties, but the valley of the Hudson is by no means insignificant as a grape-growing country. From Marlboro, in southern Ulster county, for example, grapes come to Troy by the Newburgh boat. During the past week the fruit was sold on commission at prices ranging from 10 cents to 40 cents per basket. The selling agent charged 10 cents commission, and 40 cents, or 5 cents per basket, remained for the shipper, from which the cost of basket, paper, packing and freight must be deducted. The average price of the hardy varieties was not very great, but then the size of the basket was not very large. The fruit sold to the peddlers and retail dealers at 5 cents per basket, as above, was retailed about 10 cents, or two baskets for 15 cents. Early in the season the price was three or four times as high.

Comparatively speaking the Hudson River crop is a failure. The late frosts last spring, followed by the cold, damp weather, damaged the grapes, as did all the other fruits, so that the farmers are not likely to get a good crop. The berries and peaches, but the later crops, apples, pears and grapes, have also failed. The vines are only partially filled, and the bunches are small and irregular in shape, so that the greater part of them will go to the merchants at almost nominal prices.

The yield this year on Keuka Lake is of choice quality, and the crop is about the average in size. The development of the grape industry has been somewhat peculiar except for the comparative few years kindred to the growth of North Carolina and Maryland. The Hudson River Valley and lake region furnish grapes for all New York. Twenty years ago the country in and near Flushing was the center for the market, but now the vineyards have sprung up in almost every part of the State, and the dairy business has been making giant strides during the past few months. The rapid development of water by sinking wells is sure to tell in greatly increased dairy production in the near future.

Curing Rheumatism.

AT THE Liege, France, Medical Congress Dr. Linderman delivered an address on his new electric cure for rheumatic pains. The apparatus is described as utilizing electric heat, which is so dry that the patient can bear exposure to it at a temperature of 50 to 150 centigrade without being in any way incommoded. Two cases were submitted to the congress for experimentation, one being a girl who had suffered for some time with articular rheumatism of the right hand. The second test was performed on a man of 30, who was also troubled with rheumatism in the hands. Both patients were unable to move and use their hands, which were completely rigid and incapable of muscular movement. After these members had been placed in an air chamber where they were subjected for a short period to a temperature varying between 90 and 120 degrees, they were able to move in a normal manner. The electric treatment, however, lasted but a short time, and soon after the removal of the hands from the air chamber the previous state of paralysis returned. When the current was again turned on to them, they were once more restored to activity. It is said that a great number of cases of rheumatism have been cured by this process, the obdurate case seldom requiring more than 10 to 12 applications of the electrical bath. From the limited details which have been given of this treatment, it is more than likely that it is much more both as regards convenience of application and results of results, to the electrostatic treatment of rheumatism, which has been practiced for many years in this country, in which the patient sits on the platform of an influence machine, and is surcharged through the lines of the electric circuit. Incredibly as it may seem, occasional cases of acute gout, in which the patient could not put foot to the ground without torture, have been known to yield thoroughly to this treatment after less than half an hour's application, so that no repetition of it would be required, and it could be forthwith used freely without pain. There are many degrees in the effectiveness of this method, according to the technical knowledge of the physiological attributes of high tension currents, possessed by the practitioner, and it is to be regretted that the practice in its highest form is certainly not known to more than half a dozen leading electrotherapists; if as many as

Among the first grapes to come to the market is the Moore's Early, which somewhat resembles the time-honored Concord, but as it grows abundantly in the Southern States, and ripens earlier and in larger and closer clusters, it often commands a much better price than the other dark-blue grape, the Concord, which soon follows it. While that popular little deep-red grape, which is the same as the Catawba, has a sweetish, all its own, the Delaware, comes a week or so later. Beside these are the Salem and the Isabella, which have been in the market many years, and of the newer variety, those with the greenish, yellow skin, such as the Niagara, being the best selling of them all. The Catawba is one of the last to ripen and be sent to market.

The grapes that come from the South east, however, generally the last of July and the first of August, are packed in small, rectangular baskets, holding either six or eight pounds, eight of them being placed in a case, "as carrier," as it is technically known. Those from New York State are shipped in the same way, the cases designed for table use being packed in the small hand baskets, and are disposed of by the package in small quantities, and afterward retailed by the single basket. They are in convenient size for family use, and a shade larger, and are conveniently for transportation, so that handling the fruit is avoided from the time when it is cut from the vine and carefully placed in the basket until it is put on the table of the consumer.

However, large quantities of grapes are each year shipped to market in bulk on large trays, this being the way the poorer qualities are sent, and some years when the crop is large the surplus stock is also sent in this way. Such grapes are sold by the pound to the vine-garner, vine-mercer, and to the Italians, Bohemians and Hebrews, who live on the East Side of New York and in the adjoining cities, for wine. Sometimes as much as a whole ton of these grapes will be bought for table purposes by the shipper. When the price is low, as it is in the years the crop is heavy, these foreign buyers will take them as long as the supply lasts, so much do they prize this home-made wine. Grapes in this way sell from \$15 to \$30 a ton, according to quality and supply.—[The Troy Northern Budget.]

Look Out for It Here.

A MICHIGAN correspondent of the Rural World, M. A. Hoyt, sends the following, recently published in Detroit paper, regarding a new disease that is ravaging the peach orchards of Southwest Michigan. As it is pronounced highly contagious, it is a matter of much importance to the peach-growing industry of Missouri. This industry has already attained very large proportions, yet is capable of vast increase, but vigilance in preventing the introduction of diseases and other deterring factors must be maintained.

The vast peach orchards of Southwest Michigan are being destroyed by a new tree disease which is four-fold more damaging than the dreaded yellows. It was first noticed in this section two years ago, and owing to its peculiar effect, which is a stunting of the fruit, then the size of most fruits, has usually been given the name of "little peaches." So fearful has been its ravages, amounting in several instances to the utter annihilation of large orchards that the growers have petitioned the agricultural bureau of the Government to send an expert to investigate the disease.

In response to this petition Prof. Irwin Smith, pathologist of the pomological department of the Agricultural Bureau, arrived here about ten days ago for the purpose of investigating the new disease and suggesting remedies. Testimony has been given by Sugartree and Gaines Pomological Society and stated that he had been unable to discover the cause or character of the disease. He also stated that he believed it to be highly contagious, which was already well known to the growers here, and recommended that the diseased trees be promptly cut down and destroyed by fire as soon as discovered. This is the

treatment prescribed by the law for the yellows.

In many particulars the new disease resembles the yellows, and by many is considered a new form of that disease; but it spreads much more rapidly and causes the tree to die at the end of the second year, while with yellows the trees will live from three to five years.

In this town up alone, 4,000 trees have been destroyed this season, and unless a remedy is soon found the farmers of Southwestern Michigan will go out of the peach business.—[Coleman's Rural World.]

THE DAIRY.

THE California State Dairy Bureau has issued a series of statistics of production of dairy products during the past two years, which, though showing a decrease during the past year, are encouraging as showing that the dry year has been almost as good a year as its predecessor—far better than might have been expected. The butter product of 1897 was 23,678,439 pounds, as against 23,691,439 in 1898, while during the past year the production of cheese only shrunk from 6,399,625 pounds to 5,148,572 pounds.

The value of dairy products for the two years is set forth as follows:

1897—	
Value of 28,678,439 pounds of butter	\$ 5,513,617
Value of 6,399,625 lbs. of cheese	1,654,065
Value of 1,000,000 lbs. of cream	1,000,000
Value of ca. 5,148,572 lbs. of milk	1,285,517
Value of hogs produced at creameries and dairies	915,230
Total value for 1897	\$ 9,911,73

Value of 22,612,131 pounds of butter	\$ 4,254,287
Value of 5,148,572 pounds of cheese	1,253,303
Value of 1,000,000 lbs. of cream	1,000,000
Value of calves in dairy cows	562,320
Value of hogs produced at creameries and dairies	738,987
Total value for 1898	\$ 6,911,73

These figures are no indication of the tendency of the industry in the State, but rather obstacles which have been presented during the past year. As a matter of fact, there are several sections of Southern California where the dairy business has been making giant strides during the past few months.

With the rapid development of water by sinking wells is sure to tell in greatly increased dairy production in the near future.

Hudyan Cures.

"All Run Down"

7404 Maple Street, New Orleans, La.

Doctors of the Hudyan Remedy:

I write this testimonial in praise of your great remedy, "Hudyan," hoping that you will use it so that others who are suffering as I was may be benefited by my experience and become cured before it is too late.

Before I began the use of "Hudyan" my sufferings were almost indescribable. I was completely run down, my weight had steadily fallen off, my appearance was emaciated, my eyes were sunken and my face was absolutely without color. I could not attend to my household duties, owing to the severe nervous spells that would come over me—in fact, any undue excitement would completely unbalance me. My mental sufferings were great and my friends feared that I would become insane. I consulted several different physicians but no relief was obtained. Having heard of your wonderful remedy, "Hudyan," I decided to try it, and the results were wonderful. From the beginning I began to improve and I could notice my symptoms slowly but steadily disappear. It is some time since I quit using "Hudyan," but I am now able to attend to my household duties and do not suffer the slightest pain or ache.

I hope all women sufferers will be induced to try your wonderful remedy, because I am certain that they will be benefited by doing so.

Very truly yours,

MRS. S. WEISZ,

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CURRED THEIR QUEUES.

FLAMES LICK UP FOURTEEN CHINATOWN SHACKS.

A Block of Shanties at the End of Apablasa Street Destroyed—The Valuable Library of Rev. Ng Poon Chew Saved.

A block of one and two-story shacks in Chinatown, at the end of Apablasa street, on the north side, was entirely wiped out by fire yesterday afternoon, the only building in the block not consumed being a two-story brick on the corner of Apablasa and Benjamin streets, occupied as a residence by the Rev. Ng Poon Chew, pastor in charge of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission at No. 212 Wilmington street. When the fire was discovered at 2:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Ng Poon Chew was busy at the building, No. 117 Marchessault street, opposite the Plaza, which he is fitting up for a Chinese newspaper office. When the Rev. Chew discovered that his residence was in danger, he hurried home, and with the aid of Officers Phillips and Ritch succeeded in saving his library, consisting of over 2000 volumes. It is said to be the finest Anglo-Chinese library in this country, many of the volumes having no duplicates. He also saved part of his household goods and clothing. An organ on the second floor was not injured, but the balance of his possessions, to the value of about \$350, was destroyed by fire, smoke and water.

The Rev. Ng Poon Chew has been a minister of the gospel for the past seven years. He was married in San Francisco about a week after his ordination, and has been in this city for the past four and a half years. He has a family of four children, the eldest being a girl. Yesterday was the sixth anniversary of her birth, and preparations were being made to give her a birthday party last night. The Rev. Mr. Chew will repair the damaged building and continue to live there.

The greatest individual loss, with the exception of J. A. Sepulveda, who lost his entire Chinese warehouse, Soo Hoo Mon Sing, who with her husband and family, resided in a two-story frame building at No. 419 Apablasa street. They conduct a general merchandise store at No. 310 Apablasa street, and much of the stock was stored in the cellar of their residence. The house was completely furnished on the American plan, the floors being covered with Brussels carpet. The loss sustained by Mrs. Soo Hoo Mon Sing on building, household, furnishings, merchandise stock and wearing apparel will probably reach \$3000.

The other buildings destroyed, twelve in number, belonged to J. A. Sepulveda, who lost his entire business. The balance of the losses will amount to about \$1650, making a total loss by the fire \$10,000. The buildings were occupied as dwellings and store rooms for vegetable and commission men. Great piles of potatoes, turnips, etc., loom up through the ashes on Apablasa street.

The fire started in the kitchen of Lew Sing, at No. 429 Apablasa street. No one was in the building at the time, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. It is probable, however, that a fire was left burning in the open grate, such as the Chinese generally use for a stove, and a few live coals fell to the floor. No one was injured, but there are several chickens and doves left in Chinatown as a result of the fire. Five dogs in a house next to the Rev. Mr. Chew's residence were burned to death. An old invalid Chinese, who was in the second story of one of the shacks, was taken out by a white man whose name was unknown.

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Montgomery Bros. Nos. 2 and 3 responded to the alarm. No. 3 taking water from the hydrant on the corner of Alameda and Marchessault streets, and No. 8 on Macy street. Engine No. 3 required 1200 feet of hose to reach the fire. The hose broke twice, interfering considerably with the efforts of the firemen to subdue the flames. Had these two accidents not occurred, the residence of Soo Hoo Mon Sing might have been saved with only slight loss.

The roof of the two-story residence of Chew Kung Tong, on the west side of Benjamin street, became ignited while the fire was at its height, but was quickly extinguished. There was no insurance on any of the property destroyed.

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB.

An Offer from Miss Hershey to Help the Building Fund.

An informal social meeting took the place of the regular literary session at the Friday Morning Club rooms yesterday morning.

Mrs. F. A. Eastman gave a talk on the recent meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Denver, which she attended as a delegate.

Mrs. North read a letter from the secretary of the federation, declining to hold the next meeting in Los Angeles. A Christmas poem by Matthew Arnold was read by Mrs. Rebecca Spring.

Mrs. J. F. Sartori, the president, read a message to the club containing the important announcement that the club, through the generosity of Miss Hershey, would be able to purchase the building for a sum of \$10,000. This year, however, she is in a home of her own. She has agreed to purchase the remainder of the stock necessary to complete the building for which the club has been working for nearly two years. For one year she will hold the stock open at face value for purchase by club members or other women interested in the project. This announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

Before leaving the room each guest was presented with a mysterious parcel, which she was required to open on the platform and acknowledge with a Christmas sentiment.

PERSONALS.

John Singleton has returned from Randsburg.

Attorney E. H. Spoor of Redlands is visiting the city.

Superintendent J. S. Anunson, of the San Pedro Harbor work is here.

J. T. Smith arrived at the Hollenbeck yesterday from Juneau, Alaska.

J. L. Clark a Pennsylvania oil man, who has interests at Newhall, is in the city.

Miss Clara Sutro and Charles W. Sutro, daughter and son of the late Mayor of San Francisco, arrived yesterday at the Van Nuys, to spend a few days.

L. C. Fletcher, who is at the Van Nuys for a short vacation, is with the geological survey, which is at work mapping the southern part of the State for the Department of the Interior.

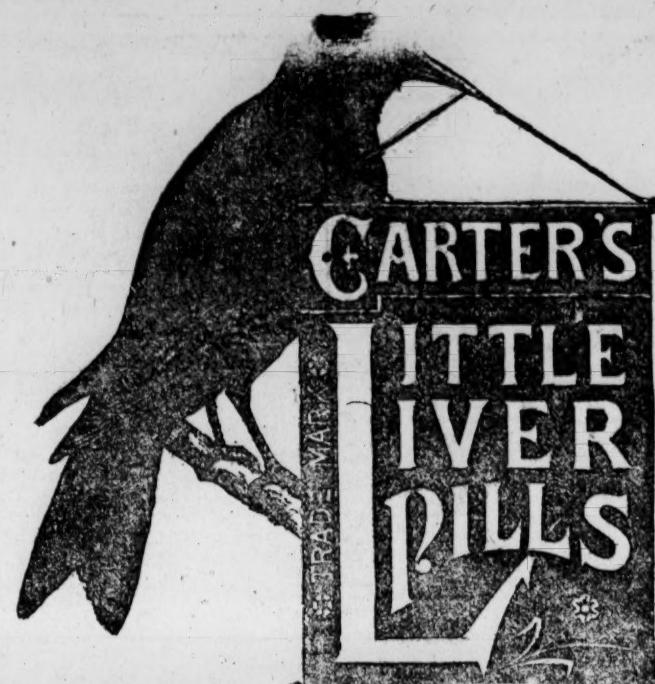
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ARIZONA HOPES TO BE ADMITTED TO STATEHOOD NEXT SESSION.

Suburban Additions Now Incorporated With Phoenix—The Santa Fe Company Claims Relief from Taxation on Its Road Bed.

PHOENIX (Ariz.) Dec. 20.—(Regular Correspondence.) An important meeting of the committee having in charge the consideration of a storage reservoir scheme was held this morning at the City Hall. The chairman, Hon. Aaron Goldberg, was instructed by the committee to appoint three subcommittees and report the personnel of the same at the meeting to be held a week hence. One of the sub-committees will investigate the possibility of government ownership of the proposed reservoir; another county or territorial ownership; and a third ownership by a corporation.

Col. McCord, in command of the First Territorial Volunteer Infantry, in camp at Albany, Ga., is in Phoenix to spend Christmas with his family. He will return to his regiment on Monday next. Col. McCord believes that statehood is possible despite the fact that a bill to admit the Territories to Congress Democratic Legislatures were elected at the recent election. He thinks that both New Mexico and Oklahoma will be admitted as States at the coming session of Congress, and says that with united effort this Territory can be gotten into the union at the same time.

At a meeting of the City Council yesterday, a proposal was introduced taking into the city the Dennis addition, Bennett's addition, Orchard Grove, Seeger's and University additions, and also Murphy's addition. Two of the members of the Council opposed the taking in of Murphy's addition on account of the location of the sub-strata of the social element upon it. Two other members, and the presiding officer voted in favor of including it, and it was so ordered.

At a meeting of the local Ministerial Association yesterday, Rev. Weems was chosen president; Rev. Halsey, vice-president; and Rev. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer. The ministers started a movement with a view to the organization of a central charity society.

A circle of ladies to aid in carrying on the Florence Crittenton work was organized in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Officers were elected.

S. L. Price of San Diego was selected at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arizona Poultry Association, last evening, to score the birds at the annual meeting and show to be January 24 to 28.

Norman Orme, a young Rough Rider who was wounded at La Guasimas, near Santiago de Cuba, June 24 last, arrived home in Phoenix yesterday.

A Mauser bullet broke his left arm and one of his ribs and lodged in the left lung.

The bullet and its steel casing were extracted from the lung by physicians of the Long Island College Hospital of New York city, who made an incision in the back, laying the lung open.

This operation had entirely succeeded.

Mr. Orme's left arm is now an inch shorter than the other, and two of his ribs also are shorter.

AREAZONA IN GENERAL.

Wood took a sudden jump from \$6 to \$12 a cord at Jerome immediately after the storm, and was hard to get even at that figure.

A. M. Strahan and his son Charles, while doing their assessment work on the Saddle claim, Cherry Creek district, Yavapai county, struck a ledge three and a half feet wide that assays 50 per cent gold, copper, \$3 in gold and \$6 in silver to the ton. They can mine it for a distance of 37 feet, and it is the same thickness all the way.

D. J. Porter, recently committed suicide at Jerome by taking strichnine.

He was 38 years old and a native of Kentucky, but amassed a small fortune before he died in the neighborhood of Gallon, N. M. He recently sold his herd to Scott Bros. for \$10,000 and set up a liquor and gambling establishment in Gallop.

The Santa Fé Railroad Company has

made a tender to the Treasurer of Mohave county of the sum of \$2300 in full payment in that county to assess the

company for the taxes of the Supreme Court of the United States relieves the company from all taxation levied on its roadbed and right-of-way.

According to the assessment levied by the county and Territory, the taxes of this company amount in Mohave county to a considerable sum, but the income of the county.

If the company is relieved from paying its full amount of taxes, Mohave county's financial condition will be badly crippled.

Wood was so scarce at Globe during the recent snow storm that the railroad company was compelled to burn ties that cost 50 cents apiece.

The Williams Public Library Association

is in a prosperous condition, and

proposes soon to erect a library building for the Department of the Interior.

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NEWS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOWNS.



PASADENA.

PURSUIT OF ALLEGED ELOPING COUPLE FROM LOS ANGELES.

They Had Just Left Pasadena Boarding-house—Some of the "Love Letters" Captured—The Wife of City Trustee Reynolds Brought Home—Christmas Festivities—Horse Interests.

PASADENA, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] Judge Noonan Phillips of Los Angeles can here this afternoon on an audience legal errand. He and his client, Charles R. Chapman, of Los Angeles, are hunting for the escaped wife of the latter, who is accused by Chapman of eloping with his half-brother. They found that the couple had tarried at Mrs. Bean's boarding-house at No. 158 East Colorado street, but had hurriedly taken flight, leaving behind some of their traps. Mrs. Bean could not give up the things without legal advice, and the attorney general, Justice Rosier, got for the necessary document. Justice Rosier issued a claim and delivery writ, which was served by Constable Slater upon the handmaid, who thereupon turned over Mrs. Chapman's reliques to her husband's attorney. Among them were a number of letters which had passed between the wife and her companion, which are alleged to be incriminating.

Chapman was an angry and excited man when he appeared before the Justice. He declared that he had been fooling by almost anybody than by his brother. He wanted the effects and letters as the basis for a divorce suit. He is about 23 years of age, and has a wife, a daughter, and three children, one son and two daughters.

Marriage license have been issued to Fred Thomas, 21, of Pasadena, and Otto Anderson, 21, of New York. The trial of Charlie R. Welsh, for the killing of Otto Anderson, is still in progress in Judge Otto's court. No business was transacted today in Department Two of the Superior Court.

SANTA MONICA.

Mutilator of Public Library Papers Comes to Grief.

SANTA MONICA, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] J. F. Henderson of this city was in the public library Thursday, when he saw a young-looking stranger, usually at the door of the file of the Times. Mr. Henderson followed the man as he left the library and saw him fold the paper and hide it under his coat. After walking a block or so the man threw the sheet of paper away, and soon afterward he was seen mailing something at the postoffice. The sheet of paper was found to have been taken from The Times of last Sunday, and it was found that the same had been torn from the sheet.

The companion with another copy of last Sunday's issue it was discovered that the man had removed a piece containing an article in the Pasadena correspondence with the heading "To the Editor," which was unprinted and torn off.

The man was arrested before Justice Welsh, and contradicted himself repeatedly. He was found guilty of having mutilated a public library paper, and was sentenced to a term in the County jail. The man gave his location to Robert Kelly.

There have been a number of public offenses in this way of late, and it is reported that the man will be held for trial.

Mr. Nevin confirmed the news, first published in The Times, that the California and Oriental Company intends to establish a line of steamship services to the Orient via the transpacific line. "I think the negotiations for this Mexican line will be closed shortly," said Nevin, "and we will be in our native state. The workmen stopped in great excitement, and washed the piece clean, when to their astonishment they discovered it to be gold, and somewhat irregularly molded, and stamped with old Spanish characters. The brick is worth about \$1000, and was made by José del Pena. Some distance away from the baron, the owner of the ground was entitled to the gold bar, but at last accounts the finder still had possession of it."

The piece of gold, the bar was found is fruitful with gold nuggets, some worth as high as \$500 having been found after the rich. The new find proves what was unknown to the public, that the miners were worked by the mission fathers of the past century. It is conjectured that the bar was hidden by some priest and its location lost.

STEAMSHIP NEWS.

General Manager Nevin and Director O. S. A. Sprague of the Southern California Railroad arrived yesterday by special car to look over the improvements to the Santa Fe yards in this city. Mr. Nevin said there was no time to be lost in getting the steamer for the Orient, and that the steamship people would be compelled to charter more steamers within the first six months of next year.

"The parties behind the proposed Mexican line are the California and Oriental people, the Santa Fe, and the Southern California Railroad Company, as was stated here. We prefer to deal with the California and Oriental, all things being equal, because we are already connected with them, and the warfare, if any, would be increased in size and would be easily arranged."

BAD ACCIDENT.

City Trustee H. G. Reynolds and wife returned this afternoon from Alameda, where they had remained since the accident of last Sunday, in which both were injured. Mrs. Reynolds very severely. The latter suffered a rupture of a ligament attached to a rib, while her head was somewhat affected, and she had a severe nervous shock. Her condition was found to be more serious than was at first supposed, and it was not possible to bring her home until today. She is now well, and is reported comfortable this evening, although she will be unable to see her friends for a day or two. Mrs. Reynolds bears traces of the accident in a number of places, suffering slight inconvenience. They are rejoicing that they were not killed, as their carriage was hurled against a tree with sufficient force to break it, and both were

christmas festivites.

A Christmas cantata was given at the First Baptist Church this evening and the building was packed. Assistant Superintendent Collins presided, and Mary Edward took the part of Santa Claus. Eleven fairies took part. There were romps among them were songs and declamations, and the children showed many accomplishments, while everybody got some candy. A number of souvenirs were given to the pastor, Rev. F. W. Woods, by the young folks.

Sunday afternoon there will be an elaborate musical service at the church, including Handel's Largo by piano and violin, an anthem, and a solo by Miss Laura Gode, Miss Esther Nutt, Dr. E. N. Chaney and Matthew Holmes, and selections from Handel's "Messiah," by piano, "cello and violin.

The New Year's day procession will move from west to east this year, instead of from east to west, as heretofore. It will form on Grand Avenue, and will proceed westward, will march north to Colorado street, thence east to Raymond, south to Green street, west on Green to Fair Oaks, south to Fair Oaks, west on Colorado, north on Colorado again, thence to Lake avenue, where the parade will be reviewed and prizes will be awarded. The reviewing stand will be located on Colorado, across the road, leading to Colby Stewart, at the point and the competitors for prizes will be deployed on this vacant lot.

PASADENA BREVIETES.

City Marshal has found Miss A. Bellin, the demure woman who escaped twice from the County Hospital, on the street today, and conducted her to the hospital again, much to the surprise of the Christian who had the unfortunate woman for a while, declares that she is persecuted, that the only trouble with her is that she is poor and friendless, and that it is a shame to increase her in the County Hospital when she is willing and anxious to shift for herself. Physicians, however, are quiet about it, and the women seem to be in agreement. In addition to the necessary series which she has been unable to provide for herself.

One of the horses of the Excelsior Market ran away down Fair Oaks, and the horses running. He was brought up against a tree near the power-house of the electric railway, and was badly cut. The wagon was not much damaged.

Some of the fakes of the Santa Ana settled down on Pasadena this afternoon and the mountains were obscured, but there was no appreciable wind, and the city escaped with a few scratches.

O. Clark of New York, first vice-president of the New York Central Railroad, arrived here yesterday on his private car.

Dr. W. C. Steward is again confined to his room by illness.

The Pasadena Athletic Club football eleven will play against the Santa Barbara team at Fiesta Park, Los Angeles, Monday.

W. L. Lippscott, formerly captain of Co. I of the Cavalry, has been made a second Lieutenant in the regular army.

Mrs. Allen Hastings is critically ill of typhoid fever.

W. T. Davies has a severe attack of influenza.

Extra-good pies for Christmas, mince, pumpkin, all kinds, also fruit today. Ganzert's Bakery, South Fair Oaks.

Prettiest Christmas tree ornaments, animals and brownies, 1000 different delights for children; candies of all prices, at McElroy's.

Delighted crowds have inspected the beautiful Christmas meat display at the City Market. Mr. Breiner has a few splendid turkeys.

Top choice articles suitable for useful gifts call at Bon Accord, where new and standard goods are sold at popular prices.

Follow the crowd to Glasscock's; your money goes farther there than in any place in town.

It will do your eyes good to call at Hall's Union Market today and see the duck

and turkey show. He can promise you an unusually tender bird.

Special inducements on furniture, carpets, rugs, at Hall's big store today.

Plum pudding, fruit cake, pumpkin pie and mince pies at McCamey's.

Come in and see the elegant line of holiday perfumes at Wood's Pharmacy.

Did you order one of those eastern turkeys of the City Market?

Christmas dinner at the Arlington Sunday.

Eastern turkeys at City Market.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

Worst Windstorm of the Year. Trains Delayed.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 23.—[Regular Correspondence.] The worst windstorm of the year prevailed here today. The gales set in early in the morning and the wind blew down a gale all day. Clouds of dust rose mountain high between San Bernardino and Redlands, and off to the south, toward Riverside. The east-bound overland, due here at 12:25 p.m., was brought to a standstill near Etowah, on account of the terrific gale blowing down hills. The passengers who have never been to Cajon Pass, and the passengers who have never been to the mountains on the desert asserted that they never knew what a real blow was before today.

A PIONEER'S BIRTHDAY.

John Brown, Sr., celebrated his 91st birthday last evening, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laura Wozenecra. The members of his family and the Society of Pioneers of his town, the largest in the state, were present.

He is the only survivor of the five commissioners appointed by the Legislature of this state to the San Bernardino county in 1852, and is the only one of the county now alive. He was a comrade of such men as Fremont, Kit Carson and other old-time heroes.

SAN BERNARDINO BREVIETES.

A petition for letters testamentary in the estate of Ruth F. Martin, deceased, was filed yesterday by Mary Hayward Marshall. Marshall died December 10, at Ontario, leaving a will, in which the petitioner is named as executrix. The estate consists principally of realty in Philadelphia, valued at \$10,000. The will was witnessed by S. B. Edwards, and is the only one of the first officers of the county now alive.

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THE SUNSET CLUB.

Its Members Hold a Christmas Jinks
at Jerry's.

That joyous and gleeful organization, the Sunset Club, partook of its regular monthly dinner at Jerry Ilich's last night and made the occasion a Christmas festival in the sense of departing from the usual line of procedure in the case, made and provided for Sunset diners. There was a very large attendance, and the spirit of the happy holidays of which "Cecilanderland" upon the eve, was in the jokes and jests and songs and speeches and music, as well as in the hearts of the participants at the merry board. Orchestral music was a pleasing feature of the evening's festivities, and in addition a solo violinist played the closing pieces, clad in the plumes of the band, the thistle, while, as an additional "specialty" a duet of Chinese instrumentalists added to the hilarity of the night by making that sort of music peculiar to the taste of our Mongolian neighbors.

The programme arranged by the committee specially appointed for that purpose was considerably disturbed by the illness of Col. H. T. Lee and Burt Estes Howard, both of whom were expected to deliver addresses apropos to the holiday season. The first speaker of the evening, George C. Linton, who gave a charming picture of the Christmas holiday in Virginia in his boyhood days, supplementing this description with some observations upon the influence of the Savior's life as a man upon human character and human happiness. T. S. Van Dyke followed him in the chair, and accompanying Christmas in California with the same day in the land of frost and blizzards, somewhat to the disadvantage of the latter, and Bishop Montgomery made a terse and telling little speech upon the divine character of Christ and the blessings his birth brought to mankind throughout the realms of Christendom.

Other pleasing and enjoyable features of the evening's entertainment were the singing of a Christmas carol and dainty lullaby, by Charles J. Ellis, a touching address by Rev. W. S. Shaxon, a sonorous guitar accompaniment by George W. Parsons, a rollicking bit of rhyme by Homer P. Earl, in which were woven the names of most of the club members; a sequel to "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," by Willoughby Rodman, and a poem by R. H. Chapman, in the Hermit, read by others. Several in which the foibles of the Sunsetters were set out in graphic and quaint fashion.

An entirety the dinner as well as the feast of reason and flow of soul was one of the most enjoyable ever given by the club.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Work Under Way Over the Whole
of Southern California.

Secretary McKee, of the Nicaragua Canal Executive Committee, has received word from Thomas R. Bard, vice-president for Ventura county, that he has subdivided the country into fourteen districts and has claused to industry and citizens' associations for work to be ready to send in their contribution to the necessary funds by January 1.

From other parts of Southern California encouraging reports are coming in, and there seems no doubt that necessary funds will be at hand within a few days.

The local committees met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, J. S. Slauson, the chairman, presiding. F. K. Rule was made vice-chairman of the committee, and the executive committee in this city was mapped out and referred to the respective committees announced a few days since, as having that work in hand.

On Monday, instead of keeping only Sunday hours as permitted, Postmaster Matthews will keep all departments open throughout the forenoon. This will permit the delivery of packages.

T. P. Dyer of Los Angeles and Commerce, C. Clark, were admitted to practice law in the Federal Court yesterday by Judge Ross of the District Court.

Edgar Leach, who was arrested at Lompoo for the robbery of the post office at that place, was held yesterday to answer to the charge before the United States commissioner at San Luis Obispo.

Ichabod B. Grow, a farmer in Kings county, yesterday filed a petition in the Superior Court of Distinct Court. His assets are given as \$1570 and his liabilities as \$323.80. Personal property exempt is valued at \$270.

James E. Seymour was run in last night by Officers Flammer and Quinn for carrying an ugly-looking gun in his back pocket, while Ed Smith was secured to the lockup by Deputy Con-

stable Morris for begging.

The Volunteers of America, No. 128 East First street, will have a Christ mas tree and a musical entertainment by the Sunday-school children on Monday eve, December 26. All are cordially invited. No admission fees will be charged.

The Federal grand jury yesterday made a partial report, having found true bills against Mansel G. Silva for sending an obscene letter through the mails; Chris McCane, for setting forest fire; and Silvas Roberson and Oscar Palmer for selling liquor to Indians. The jury failed to find a case against Charles Bemis.

Charles Robinson, of No. 2204 West Fourth street, a driver for P. W. Braun & Co., while driving north on Broadway, near Fourth street, yesterday afternoon, collided with an electric car. Robinson was thrown to the ground, receiving a few slight injuries to the head and hands. He was treated at the Receiving Hospital and sent home.

Charles Girard, a veteran from the Soldiers' Home, was struck by a freight van on Broadway yesterday morning and knocked down, receiving injuries for which he was sent to the University Hospital. It was found that he had been in the hospital after temporary treatment by the Police Surgeon the old man was sent to the County Hospital to recuperate.

BIRTH RECORD.

SCHNEIDER—December 21, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, No. 1313 Maple avenue, a daughter.

DEATH RECORD.

PIERCE—At his home, No. 1245 Eden avenue, December 22, 1888, Leonard Lincoln Pierce, formerly resident of Worcester, Mass.

Frends invited to attend memorial services at his residence, Monday, December 26, at 2 o'clock.

DYER—In this city, December 22, 1888, Charles E. Dyer, a native of Connecticut, aged 41 years.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 210 West Seventh street, Saturday, December 24, at 1 p.m. Friends invited. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.

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